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SENATE MEMORIAL 14

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEN TO BE ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES AND COMMENDING A PROJECT IN ALBUQUERQUE'S SOUTH VALLEY FOR ITS SUCCESSES IN ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEN TO BECOME ACTIVE.

WHEREAS, the south valley male involvement project since 2004 has encouraged young men to become more closely involved with their communities and families through innovative outreach integrated with clinical services; and

WHEREAS, young male involvement in sexual reproductive health, including discussions on abstinence and comprehensive sexual education, information on clinical services and testing and discussion of risky behaviors, is key to ensuring that young men understand they are mutual contributors to pregnancy; and

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1 WHEREAS, fostering young men's self-respect helps
2 encourage them to respect their partners and the community as
3 a whole; and

4 WHEREAS, the south valley male involvement project has
5 initiated a special bilingual Spanish-English project focusing
6 on weekly discussion of male issues among fourteen to
7 eighteen-year-old men; and

8 WHEREAS, discussion sessions within the project as well
9 as songs and public service announcements written by project
10 members have motivated the young men and others to become more
11 involved with family and community; and

12 WHEREAS, basketball tournaments and teen dances sponsored
13 and organized by the south valley male involvement project
14 help to combat obesity as well as providing positive resources
15 and healthy alternatives; and

16 WHEREAS, such social outreach to young men gives them a
17 chance to become active contributors to a sense of community
18 and to a betterment of community as well as helping the world
19 become safer from violence; and

20 WHEREAS, decreased rates of teen pregnancy and sexually
21 transmitted infections are likely to result from more male
22 involvement in family and community;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that the south valley male involvement project
25 be recognized and endorsed for its innovative and creative

1 approaches to reaching out to youth and addressing public
2 health issues; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the south valley male
4 involvement project be encouraged to increase its financial
5 resources and replicate itself throughout the state; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the south valley male involvement project.

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